

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday May 23, 2006, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman-via telephone  
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman  
Doug Mood, Commissioner  
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner  
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(177) In the matter of Town Taxi, Inc., Havre, Montana, request for a \$.50 per fare fuel surcharge on passenger movements conducted under PSC No. 9436. If approved this fuel surcharge will be in effect from May 23, 2006 to August 20, 2006- Docket No. TN2305:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the fuel surcharge as requested. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(178) In the matter of Eric Rammelt dba Lewistown Taxi, Lewistown, Montana requests permission to suspend PSC No. 9310 for a six month period June 1, 2006 to December 1, 2006 – Docket No. TN2306:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the suspension as requested. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(179) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of May 15, 2006. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson  
Legal Division

(180) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest USF Investigation –Docket No. D2005.6.105:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to overrule Qwest's discovery objections to PSC #20, b, d, and e; PSC #21, a, c, d, and e; PSC #22, a, b, c, and e; and PSC #23, a through e. Commissioner Raney

seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby  
Utility Division

(181) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Hot Springs Telephone services- Docket No. N99.5.116:

Commissioner Schneider moved that the interim Notice of Commission Action issued in this docket be made permanent. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioner Molnar voted no.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson  
Legal Division

(182) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Whitehall Wind judicial review of PSC Order No. 6444c- Docket No. Court DV-03-10080, PSC D2002.8.100:

Commissioner Schneider moved to reopen Docket No. D2002.8.100 and issue a procedural order which includes at the minimum, NorthWestern will file avoided cost data and Whitehall Wind will have an opportunity to do discovery on the filing. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan  
Legal Division

(183) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of PPL-Montana Triennial Market Power Update – Docket No. FERC EL-05-124 et al:

Commissioner Schneider moved to authorize staff to participate and join the Montana Consumer Counsel for any Motion for Reconsideration. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson  
Legal Division

(184) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy application for approval of Electric Supply Deferred Cost Account Balance and Projected Electric Supply Cost- Docket No. D2006.5.66:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to deny NorthWestern Energy's motion for Protective Order in A; grant the motion for Protective Order on items B and C; and defer the Protective Order until later in items D through G. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(185) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy 2006 Natural Gas Trackers:

Commissioner Raney moved to grant the NorthWestern Energy motion for Protective Order for items I through j in D2006.5.66. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(186) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy 2006 Natural Gas Tracker action on draft final order- Docket No. D2005.5.87:

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the draft as a final order subject to minor edits. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioner Schneider voted no.

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby, Utility Division  
Phil Cooke, Utility Division

(187) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of MT Associates Tariff Change- Docket No. N2005.10.150:

Commissioner Schneider moved that we approve the revised tariff of January 20, 2006 with the insertion of the phrase "if conditions warrant after August 31<sup>st</sup>". Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Administrator  
Legal Division

(188) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Suhr Transportation Motion to stay process (T-06.12.ST); direction to notice a complaint from Suhr, filed on May 16 (T-06.17.COM)-Dockets No.T-06.12.ST and T-06.17.COM:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to notice the complaint of Suhr Transportation in T-06.17.COM. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to defer action on the transfer pending resolution of the complaint in T-06.12.ST. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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GREG JERGESON, Chairman

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BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

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DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

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ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

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THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday May 25, 2006, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman-via telephone  
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman  
Doug Mood, Commissioner  
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner  
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Mike Lee, Utility Division

(189) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of FCC Docket No. CC96-45, WC Docket No. 05-337 to reply comments to FCC order on 2<sup>nd</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Cir. Remand:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve submission of draft comments with minor edits and direct staff to file by the May 26<sup>th</sup> deadline. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(190) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2004.5.84 - Intercarrier Compensation, Missoula Plan:

Commissioner Raney moved to convene an Intercarrier Compensation workshop on July 19, 2006. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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